REMARKS

In the Action, the claims are restricted to Group I, including claims 1-8 directed to a method, and Group II, including claim 9 directed to a microorganism. In response, Applicants elect the Group I claims including claims 1-8 directed to the method.

The non-elected claim 9 is cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for this claim.

Favorable examination on the merits is requested.

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